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THE INDIANA LAWYER HONORS IPAS ATTORNEY EMILY MUNSON AS ONE OF INDIANA’S “UP AND COMING LAWYERS”

INDIANAPOLIS, May 4, 2015 - Indiana Protection & Advocacy Services is proud to announce that Staff Attorney Emily Munson has been chosen to receive a 2015 Leadership in Law award from the Indiana Lawyer, a professional publication from the Indiana Business Journal.

Emily will be celebrated with all other award winners at the 2015 Distinguished Barrister and Up and Coming Lawyer Reception, to take place at D’Amore in Indianapolis, on Tuesday, May 5th. She will also be featured in the Indiana Lawyer’s May 6th edition.

Emily earned a B.A. in Political Science from Hanover and an M.A. in Philosophy with focus on Bioethics from IUPUI before completing her JD at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Emily was no doubt chosen in part because in addition to her excellent work as an attorney, she is earning an LLM in health policy law and bioethics at IU, and she also finds time to serve in the community. She is on the Indianapolis Bar Association Healthcare Section Committee Executive Board. She has served on the Governor’s Council for People with Disabilities for four years. She is Secretary and Public Policy Chair of the Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana. She has served as Vice President of the Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation of Indiana, and is on the Muscular Dystrophy Association’s National Registry Advisory Board and writes a witty and sometimes brutally honest blog for MDA’s Transitions Center, a website for teens and young adults living with muscular dystrophy. She also mentors teenagers at Camp Riley.

Emily has shown herself to be a talented attorney and a fierce advocate for the rights of all people. Munson has proven a valuable addition to IPAS’s legal team, conducting research into Indiana’s sheltered workshops, where her preliminary research has shown that some people with disabilities employed in these workshops earn just one penny per hour in wages.

Emily was nominated for this honor by her friend and former colleague, Kristina Blankenship, with whom Emily worked at FSSA, prior to her joining IPAS in January of this year.

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